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out there supposedly doing what three were doing already, now they are state employees, and I would imagine that those people are available. It is just a matter of prioritizing within the office on how this is going to work. I am not going to make judgments on if they are doing that now. It just seems to send a couple of red flags up in my mind that when I walk into a county office that is now a state office and there is twice as many employees, and we're going to ask for another three-quarters of a million dollars to do their job again, it just doesn't make sense to me. So from that standpoint, I will support Senator Chambers' motion to indefinitely postpone the A bill, and from that standpoint, we will deal with LB 600, in my opinion, when it comes back up on Select File, similar to the way that I shared the perspective from the Panhandle on it earlier. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Chambers, on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've said before, sin in haste, repent in leisure. We are going to have plenty of leisure on the A bill, and it won't hurt what Senator Coordsen is trying to do, in my opinion, because his bill is going nowhere. But I want the Legislature to be aware of what it did and that you need to think more deeply before some things, such as this, are pulled off. I do believe the discussion was valuable. The issue is serious. There are things that needed to be discussed, but you've got a bill that's unconstitutional. You've got one that's unfair on its face. You've got one that's going to shift \$29 million to the cities, and what are these city senators voting for it for? They are the ones who ought to build a statue of Senator Coordsen because they are the ones who are bewitched, "bebothered" and bewildered. Am I bewildered by what they did in reality? Having been laboring in this forest for over three decades, not by a long shot. But those who are naive in the ways of hardball politics, sometimes a lesson must be taught. And since I have been called the dean of the Legislature, you get that label hung on you from having hung around longer than anybody else. That's all it means, you've been here longer than anybody else. But having to labor under that title, it is my responsibility on